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(Case No. 00-1278)

In re Application of: )  
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Filed: January 18, 2001 ) Examiner: To be assigned  
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Ehrlichia Canis and Ehrlichia Chaffensis )  
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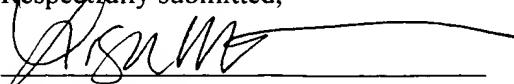
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In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims, however no such admission is intended. 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (h). The references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any

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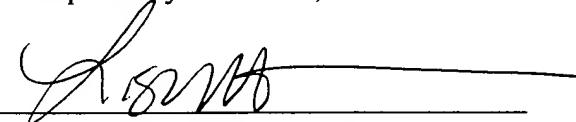
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